Fresh Ministries, Inc. Jacksonville, FL

Project Title Fresh Ministries IDA Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$1,000,000

Nonfederal Support \$1,000,000

Project Period September 2002 – September 2007

Highlights Fresh Ministries is offering 425 IDAs: 305 for

homeownership, 60 for post-secondary, and 60 for microenterprise. The match rate is \$2 to \$1, up to \$2,000 in participant savings over 24 months. In addition to core training, services include employment support, crisis management, mentoring, peer support,

counseling, and credit repair.

Target Population Jacksonville, Florida Empowerment Zone

Grantee/Collaborative Description Fresh Ministries is a faith-based agency established in

1994. Service partners include Families First,

Jacksonville Housing Authority, Community Partnership

for the Protection of Children, and Vestcor, a

community housing developer. First Union Bank is the financial partner and is assisting with financial literacy

training and education.